

available to all nations, in particular the developing countries,

*Conscious of the continuing need to protect mankind from the perils resulting from the misuse of nuclear energy and noting with appreciation in this connexion the work of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons<sup>10</sup> and other international treaties, conventions and agreements designed to achieve similar objectives,*

*Appreciating the assistance given by the International Atomic Energy Agency to the International Nuclear Fuel Cycle Evaluation, which will be completed in February 1980,*

*Noting the excellent safety record of nuclear power generation but aware of the need to pay continuing attention to the question of nuclear safety and waste management,*

*Bearing in mind the special needs of the developing countries for technical assistance by the International Atomic Energy Agency in order to benefit effectively from the application of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes as well as from the contribution of nuclear energy to their economic development,*

1. *Takes note of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency;*

2. *Notes with satisfaction the continuing efforts of the International Atomic Energy Agency to strengthen further its activities in the field of technical assistance to developing countries and urges all States to help the Agency to achieve this objective by increasing their voluntary contributions;*

3. *Notes with appreciation that the negotiations on the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material were concluded successfully at Vienna on 26 October 1979 with the signing of the final act and that the Convention will be opened for signature on 3 March 1980 at United Nations Headquarters in New York and at the Headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency at Vienna;*

4. *Commends the International Atomic Energy Agency for its continuing efforts to ensure the safe and secure use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes throughout the world and notes with satisfaction the steady improvement of the Agency's safeguards system;*

5. *Notes with appreciation the special measures taken by the International Atomic Energy Agency to expand and strengthen its programmes in nuclear safety, particularly aimed at helping Member States to develop their nuclear regulatory framework, to acquire adequate cadres of trained personnel and to deal effectively with any emergency that may occur;*

6. *Urges all States to support the endeavours of the International Atomic Energy Agency, pursuant to its statute, in furthering the peaceful uses of nuclear power, improving the effectiveness of safeguards and promoting nuclear safety;*

7. *Notes with satisfaction:*

(a) *The continuing work of the International Atomic Energy Agency in keeping under review the world's uranium resources, production and demand, the expansion of the Agency's International Nuclear Information System, the setting up of the International Tokamak Reactor workshops, intended to prepare a project for demonstrating the technical feasibility of generating elec-*

*tricity by nuclear fusion, and the assistance given by the Agency to Member States in assessing the role that nuclear power can play in their energy development;*

(b) *The progress made by the International Atomic Energy Agency towards establishing a system of international storage of plutonium and the action it has taken in regard to the international management of spent fuel;*

8. *Notes that the recommendation contained in paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 33/3 of 2 November 1978 will be considered by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency at its twenty-third regular session and expresses the hope that the matter will be brought to an early conclusion;*

9. *Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the records of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly relating to the Agency's activities.*

*53rd plenary meeting  
2 November 1979*

### **34/20. Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea<sup>11</sup>**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling its resolutions 3067 (XXVIII) of 16 November 1973, 3334 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3483 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, 31/63 of 10 December 1976, 32/194 of 20 December 1977 and 33/17 of 10 November 1978,*

*Taking note of the letter dated 4 September 1979 from the President of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea to the President of the General Assembly<sup>12</sup> informing the latter that, on the basis of a time-table for its work under which it was to complete the preparation of a convention on the law of the sea in 1980, the Conference had decided to recommend to the General Assembly that provision should be made for it to hold one session, divided into two parts, in 1980, apart from a possible final session at Caracas for signature, and that the dates for the two parts of the session would be from 27 February to 4 April in New York and from 28 July to 29 August at Geneva,*

*Considering that the Conference discussed a recommendation regarding a study on the training of nationals of developing countries in deep-sea mining but did not have the time to approve formally a decision in that regard,*

1. *Approves the convening of the two parts of the ninth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea in New York for the period from 27 February to 4 April and at Geneva for the period from 28 July to 29 August 1980;*

2. *Requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Secretary-General of the Conference, to prepare a study on the training needs of developing countries in deep-sea mining and related activities for submission to the Conference as early as possible in 1980.*

*61st plenary meeting  
9 November 1979*

<sup>11</sup> See also sect. X.B.1, decision 34/407.

<sup>12</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 22, document A/34/479.*

<sup>10</sup> Resolution 2373 (XXIX), annex.